



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Living Sky School Division No. 202  
In the Board Room at North Battleford Office  
On  
Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

## PRESENT

Trustees: *Arsenault, Gartner, Challis, Foreman, Hiebert, Kowalchuk, Love, Pethick, Sloan and Snell*. Also in attendance were: Director of Education, *Ron Ford*; Assistant Director of Education, *Randy Fox*; Chief Financial Officer, *Ray Kopera*

*Delegation representing Major School Review Committee were also in attendance.*

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman *Arsenault* called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

## AGENDA

Trustee *Sloan* moved the agenda be approved with additions.

*Carried*

## MINUTES

Trustee *Pethick* moved the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 22, 2009 as circulated.

*Carried*

Trustee *Snell* moved the Board approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of April 27, 2009 as circulated.

*Carried*

## DELEGATION

*Cathy Herrick*, Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, presented information to the Board regarding Learning Communities. The Monitoring Report was presented noting that a changed emphasis will be towards school development away from individual subject specific development.

## BOARD ITEMS

1. **Continuous Agenda** – reviewed
2. **Meeting Review Report** – The Board will change the process to review every second or third meeting only.
3. **Public Section Memo/General Meeting Agenda** –Trustee Pethick will be attending the June 4/5 meeting
4. **Members Council Report** (April 30/May 1) – Trustees reported that the Alberta Funding Experience was presented at Members Council. It was noted that several items including a unified voice and taxpayers pay no matter who collects need to be emphasized. Alberta has requested access to the taxation base but that has been denied. Boards are currently dealing

with identified problems including a too prescriptive approach. In recent budgets the Province has adopted a less prescriptive approach and this seems to be working better. Also, a Panel on Student Achievement Initiatives was highlighted which is considering more contact time and flexible scheduling to meet student and teacher needs. Also, the SSBA policies were reviewed in the afternoon.

5. **Facility Rationalization:**

**Meota – Public Meeting June 1/09, 7:00 pm, Meota Community Complex –**

The date needed to be changed from June 2<sup>nd</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Major – Legal opinion –** The Board discussed the situation with the Major School Review and reviewed the legal opinion. The discussion centered around the Board being undecided as to an approach to take and that reflection is perhaps the most reasonable process in reviewing the situation.

6. **North Battleford Regional Meeting –** Nine Board Members will be attending along with the Director of Education and Chief Financial Officer.

7. **Request that the Resolution from Cando SCC to allow First Nation parents to vote in School Board elections be presented at the Regional Meeting.** - A copy of the motion will be forwarded to Ernie Cychmystruk, SSBA Executive Director, for inclusion on the Regional Meeting Agenda.

## DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION REPORT

Director of Education, *Ron Ford* presented his report as filed with additions.

## CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

Chief Financial Officer, *Ray Kopera*, presented his report as filed.

## ACCOUNTS

Trustee *Snell* moved the Board approve payment of accounts as follows:

1.	<b>Apr. 20/09</b>	#DD033700-DD033704 (Direct Deposit)	\$	1,924.65
2.	<b>Apr. 20/09</b>	#029478-029588		501,903.30
3.	<b>Apr. 20/09</b>	#00448 (US Acct.)		87.50
4.	<b>Apr. 24/09</b>	#DD033705 (Direct Deposit)		1,070.00
5.	<b>Apr. 24/09</b>	#029589		33,000.00
6.	<b>Apr. 27/09</b>	#029590		200.00
7.	<b>Apr. 30/09</b>	#DD033706-DD033732 (Direct Deposit)		10,688.99
8.	<b>Apr. 30/09</b>	#029591-029875		2,000,064.23
9.	<b>Apr. 30/09</b>	#00449-00454 (US Acct.)		<u>2,318.80</u>
				<b><u>\$ 2,551,257.47</u></b>

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER

1. **Major School Review Committee Letter –** April 30, 2009

**Other:**

2. Trustee Snell requested clarification regarding urban bussing of students.

## RESOLUTIONS

- 070-09/05/06 Trustee *Love* moved the Board rescind Motion 065-09/04/27 setting the date for the Public Meeting for Meota.  
*Carried*
- 071-09/05/06 Trustee *Hiebert* moved the Board set an elector's meeting for the Meota School District on June 1, 2009 at 7:00 pm at Meota for the purpose of informing the electors of the Board's consideration of the future operation of Meota School.  
*Carried*
- 072-09/05/06 Trustee *Challis* moved the Board of Living Sky School Division become a member of the Saskatchewan Education Technology Association.  
*Carried*
- 073-09/05/06 Trustee *Arsenault* moved the Board appoint the Director of Education as the Board's member delegate to the Saskatchewan Education Technology Association with authority to appoint a designate representative. Designated Representative would be Randy Fox, Assistant Director of Education.  
*Carried*
- 074-09/05/06 Trustee *Sloan* moved the Board approve the consent for assignment of bus contracts with Jordan Bus Lines Ltd. to Southland Transportation Ltd., as proposed.  
*Carried*
- 075-09/05/06 Trustee *Pethick* moved the Board reaffirm the renovation/demolition project pertaining to the Hafford School upgrades.  
*Carried*
- 076-09/05/06 Trustee *Gartner* moved the Board discontinue the review process for Major School.  
*Carried*
- 077-09/05/06 Trustee *Foreman* moved the Board expresses intent to review Major School in 2012.  
*Carried*

## ADJOURNMENT

Trustee *Snell* moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER